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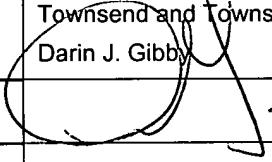
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		First Named Inventor	Scott Borland
		Art Unit	3752
		Examiner Name	Christopher S. Kim
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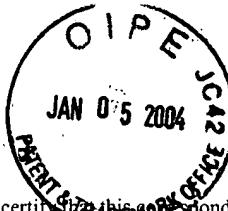
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Scott Borland

Application No.: 09/822,573

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: APERTURE PLATE AND  
METHODS FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION  
AND USE

Customer No.: 20350

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.